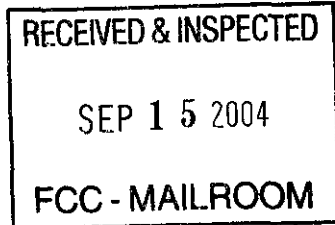


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Re: Southern Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a Southern LINC  
Certification for High Cost Loop Support, CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Flannery:

This certification is submitted on behalf of Southern Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a Southern LINC ("Southern LINC") in accordance with Federal Communications Rules 54.314 (47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313, 54.314). On behalf of Southern LINC, I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that all high-cost support provided to Southern LINC will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (47 U.S.C. § 254(e)).

Southern Communication Services Inc.

Robert G. Dawson  
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**SUBSCRIBED, SWORN TO, AND ACKNOWLEDGED** before me this 13<sup>th</sup> day of  
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